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SUBJ: OLSZOWSKI' S VISIT TO ROME

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1. ITALIAN COUNSELOR GALLI, CONFIRMING DATES FOR FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI' S VISIT TO ROME AS JUNE 14-15, SAID THAT ITALIANS ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER OLSZOWSKI WILL CALL AT VATICAN IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY SEE AS A RECENT DETERIORATION IN THE CHURCH- STATE DIALOGUE HERE. GALLI SAID THAT SOKOLAK, DIRECTOR OF MFA DEPARTMENT IV (WHICH INCLUDES WESTERN EUROPE), RECENTLY ASKED THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE WHETHER HE THOUGHT OLSZOWSKI SHOULD CALL AT VATICAN, TO WHICH AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THIS WAS OF COURSE A MATTER FOR THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE VATICAN TO DECIDE.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SOME DETERIORATION IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF CHURCH- STATE RELATIONS HERE IN RECENT MONTHS, AND THESE RELATIONS CAN NEVER BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM THOSE BETWEEN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE VATICAN. IT HAS LONG BEEN ASSUMED THAT IF OLSZOWSKI WENT TO ROME HE WOULD STOP AT THE VATICAN, BUT THE ITALIANS HERE, AT ANY EVENT, ARE NO LONGER CONVINCED THAT THIS MUST BE SO.

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